LEGAL NOTICE INVITATION TO BID TOWN OF ELLINGTON

RESURFACING OF TENNIS & BASKETBALL COURTS

Sealed proposals will be received by the Town of Ellington, acting through its Finance Officer, to provide labor, services and material to recondition the tennis and basketball courts located at Tedford Memorial Park and the Ellington High School.

Bids are to be delivered to the Finance Officer, Town Hall. Proposals are to be clearly marked **RESURFACING OF TENNIS & BASKETBALL COURTS** and sealed and shall be directed to:

Tiffany Pignataro, Finance Officer Town of Ellington, 55 Main Street Ellington, CT 06029

Bid proposals for the Contract will be received until Thursday, **August 19, 2021 at 2:00 P.M.** Bids will then be publicly opened and read aloud in the Nicholas J DiCorleto Jr Meeting Hall of Town Hall.

Specifications and Contract Documents may be obtained at the office of the Finance Officer, 55 Main Street, Ellington, Connecticut during normal business hours, on or after July 26, 2021 or on the Town of Ellington web site, www.ellington-ct.gov.

A mandatory pre-bid meeting will be held with the Director of Public Works at 9:30 A.M., prevailing time, on Tuesday, August 10, 2021 in the Conference Room, Public Works Facility, 21 Main Street, Ellington, CT. All potential bidders are required to attend in person. No bid will be accepted from an entity not attending the pre-bid meeting.

No bid may be withdrawn for a period of ninety (90) days after opening of bid without approval and written consent of the Town of Ellington.

The Town of Ellington reserves the right to amend or terminate this Invitation to Bid, to reject any or all bids, to waive any informalities, omissions, excess verbiage or technical defects in the bidding and the Town need not necessarily award the contract to the lowest Bidder if, in the opinion of the Town, it would be in the best interest of the Town of Ellington to accept another bid.

TOWN OF ELLINGTON

Tiffahy Pignataro Finance Officer

TIFFANY PIGNATARO, FINANCE OFFICER 55 MAIN STREET ELLINGTON, CT 06029

INSTRUCTION TO BIDDERS

KEY DATES:

Advertisement of Invitation to Bid

Mandatory Pre-bid meeting

Bid Opening

August 10, 2021

August 19, 2021

Bid Award on or before (estimated)

August 27, 2021

1. <u>SPECIAL NOTICE TO BIDDERS:</u>

- A. The Bid Documents comprise the following:
 - 1. Legal Notice/Invitation to Bid
 - 2. Instruction to Bidders
 - 3. Specifications
 - 4. Bid Form
 - 5. Bid Bond
 - 6. Non-collusion Affidavit
 - 7. Bidder's Legal Status Disclosure
 - 8. Insurance Requirements
 - 9. Draft Contract

2. BID FORM:

- A. All bids shall be submitted on forms provided, or copies and shall be subject to all requirements of the Contract Documents. Erasures or other changes must be explained or noted over the signature of the bidder.
- B. Bids submitted by all bidders to The Town of Ellington, Connecticut shall be enclosed in sealed envelopes, which shall clearly be labeled with the word "Bid Documents", **RESURFACING OF TENNIS & BASKETBALL COURTS**, and the firm name and address of the bidder.
- C. All bidders shall submit one (1) original and two (2) copies of completely executed bid forms and documents which shall include: Bid Form for tennis & basketball courts, Bidder's Qualification Statement, evidence of insurance per the attached Insurance Requirements, Non-Collusion Affidavit, Specifications with all requested information and any additional information or proposed substitutions the bidder wishes to provide.

- 1. A Qualification Statement should be generated by the bidder to demonstrate its background, training, qualifications and ability to perform the required work.
- 2. If a bidder is a Corporation, Limited Liability Company, or other business entity that is required to register with the Connecticut Secretary of State's Office, it must have a current registration with that office. The Town may, in its discretion, request acceptable evidence of any bidder's legal status. Any such bidder shall complete and submit the attached Bidder's Legal Status Disclosure.
- D. The Town of Ellington, Connecticut may consider as informal any bid which contains any alteration or a departure from the Bid Form attached.
- E. The contract will be based upon and require the completion of the work according to the Contract Documents, together with all addenda thereto.
 - F. Each bidder must submit a Bid Bond in the amount of \$5,000 with either a corporate surety from a company licensed to write surety bonds in the State of Connecticut or by bidder's certified check made payable to the Town of Ellington.

3. TIME FOR RECEIVING BIDS:

- A. Bids will be received by the Finance Officer of the Town of Ellington, Connecticut at the Town Hall, 55 Main Street, Ellington, Connecticut until 2:00 p.m., prevailing time, on Thursday, August 19, 2021 at which time the bids will be publicly opened.
- B. Bids received prior to the time established herein for the receipt and opening of same will be securely kept unopened. The Finance Officer whose duty it is to receive and open all bids will decide when the specified time has arrived for the opening of same. No responsibility will be attached to an officer for premature opening of a bid not properly addressed and identified.
- C. The Town of Ellington, Connecticut will neither accept nor consider any bid which is received after the time established herein for the opening of same; regardless of the cause for delay in the arrival of a bid. The same will be returned unopened.
 - D. Telegraphic or faxed bids will not be considered.
- E. Bidders are cautioned to allow ample time for transmittal of bids by mail or otherwise. Postmarks prior to the time established for opening of proposals do NOT satisfy this condition.

4. WITHDRAWAL OF BIDS BEFORE AND AFTER DATE OF BID OPENING:

- A. Any bid may be withdrawn on written or telegraphic or fax request, dispatched in time for delivery in the normal course of business, at least one hour prior to the hour fixed for the opening of bids. Fax number for the Finance Officer is (860) 870-3158.
- B. No bid may be withdrawn for a period of ninety (90) days after opening of the bid without approval and written consent of the Town of Ellington.

5. <u>INTERPRETATIONS OF CONTRACT DOCUMENTS:</u>

- A. No oral interpretations will be made to any bidder as to the meaning of the Specifications and Contract Documents. Every request for such an interpretation shall be made in writing by a bidder and forwarded to the Finance Officer, 55 Main Street, Ellington, Connecticut 06029. No inquiry received after five (5) days from the date of the PRE-BID MEETING, AUGUST 10, 2021, will be given consideration. Every interpretation made to a bidder will be in the form of an addendum to the specifications. Said addendum will be sent via email as promptly as is practicable, to all persons who have registered to bid with the Finance Officer and will be posted on the Town of Ellington web site, www.ellinton-ct.gov. All such addenda shall become a part of the Contract Documents. No liability shall attach to the Town for failing to give notice of any addenda if a bidder has failed to register its email address more than five (5) days prior to bid opening.
- B. Except as specifically provided in this Paragraph 5, bidders are prohibited from contacting any Town employee, officer, or official concerning this Invitation to Bid. Failure to comply with this requirement may result in disqualification.

6. <u>EXAMINATION OF SPECIFICATIONS, ETC.:</u>

- A. Each bidder shall thoroughly examine and be familiar with the Specifications and Contract Documents. The failure or omission of any bidder to examine any form, instrument, addendum or other document, shall in no way relieve said bidder from any obligations with respect to his bid. No bidder shall rely upon any oral representation of any person, town official, or employee concerning site conditions or job requirements, nor will such reliance excuse performance in accordance with the contract nor be the basis for any claimed extra costs. Bidders shall raise any such issues by written request under Paragraph 5 hereof. The submission of a bid shall be taken as prima facie evidence of compliance with this section.
 - B. A mandatory pre-bid meeting to review the site conditions, work requirements and specifications will be held with the Director of Public Works at 9:30 A.M., prevailing time, on Tuesday, AUGUST 10, 2021 in the Conference Room, Public Works Facility, 21 Main Street Ellington, Connecticut. Bidders will then have the opportunity to visit and inspect the existing tennis courts and basketball court at Tedford Memorial Park and Ellington High School. All potential bidders are required to attend in person. No bid will be accepted from an entity that has not attended the pre-bid meeting.

C.. Warranty. Contractor must warrant all of its work to conform to acceptable workmanship and materials for a period of 1 year.

7. AWARD OF CONTRACT:

- A. The Town of Ellington reserves the right to amend or terminate this Invitation to Bid, to reject any or all bids, and/or to waive any informalities, omissions, excess verbiage or technical defects in the bid.
- B. The contract will be awarded to the lowest responsible and eligible general bidder complying with the conditions of the Contract Documents, providing that his bid is reasonable and that it is in the best interests of the Town of Ellington, Connecticut to accept it. Although price will be an important factor, it will not be the only basis for award of the contract. Due consideration may also be given to a bidder's experience, references, service, ability to respond promptly to requests, past performance and other criteria relevant to the Town's interest, including compliance with the procedural requirements stated in this Invitation to Bid. The award of the contract, if same is to be awarded, will be made within thirty (30) days after opening of bids.
- C. The Town will not award the contract to any business that, or individual who, is in arrears or in default to the Town with regard to any tax, debt, contract, security or any other obligation.
- D. The Town will not award the contract to any business that, or individual who, (1) which has been cited for three or more willful or serious violations of any occupational safety and health laws during the three (3)year period preceding the bid, provided such violations were cited in accordance with the provisions of any state occupational safety and health laws and not abated within the time fixed by the citation and such citation has not been set aside following appeal to the appropriate agency or court having jurisdiction or (2) which has received one or more criminal convictions related to the injury or death of any employee in the three (3) year period preceding the bid. (See Conn. Gen. Stat. §31-57b).
- E. The successful bidder will be required to execute a contract in form substantially as attached with the Town of Ellington within fourteen (14) days following the Notice of Award. The Notice of Award does not provide the bidder with any rights and does not impose on the Town any obligations. The Town is free to withdraw its award at any time and for any reason prior to the signing of the contract.
- F. Pursuant to Conn. Gen. Stat. §31-286a, prior to the execution of the contract, the successful bidder must provide a current statement from the State Treasurer that, to the best of his/her knowledge and belief, as of the date of the statement, the successful bidder was not liable to the State for any workers' compensation payments made pursuant to Conn. Gen. Stat. §31-355.

8. SALES TAX AND COST OF PERMITS:

Sales tax does not have to be included in bids or material charges. Contractor must obtain the appropriate tax exempt number from the Finance Office.

9. ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS OF THE CONTRACT:

Bidders should take note that at the time of signing the contract all of the following additional documents are required by the contract:

- A. Certificate of Insurance with coverage specified in attachment to these instructions.
 - B. Corporate Resolution, or similar, authorizing execution of contract (Sample will be furnished to successful bidder).
 - C. Performance bond in the full amount of the contract.
 - D. Payment bond in the full amount of the contract.
- E. NOTE! Tedford Memorial Park and Ellington High School are recreation areas for the Town and will be used by various groups including Town Recreation Department programs, various independent approved organized football, soccer, lacrosse and baseball teams as well as the general public. Contractor must protect its work area and the public use of other areas of the Park for the safety of all and the integrity of its work.

10. FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT:

All Information submitted in a bid or in response to a request for additional information is subject to disclosure under the Connecticut Freedom of Information Act as amended and judicially interpreted. A bidder's responses may contain financial, trade secret or other data that is claims should not be public (the "Confidential Information"). A bidder must identify specifically the pages and portions of its proposal or additional information that contain the claimed Confidential Information by visibly marking all such pages and portions. Provided that the bidder cooperates with the Town as described in this section, the Town shall, to the extent permitted by law, protect from unauthorized disclosure such Confidential Information.

If the Town receives a request for a bidder's Confidential Information, it will promptly notify the bidder in writing of such request and provide the bidder with a copy of any written disclosure request. The bidder may provide written consent to the disclosure or any object to the disclosure by notifying the Town in writing to withhold disclosure of the information, identifying in the notice the basis for its objection, including the statutory exemption(s) from disclosure. The bidder shall be responsible for defending any complaint brought in connection with the nondisclosure, including but not limited to appearing before the Freedom of Information Commission and providing witnesses and documents as appropriate.

NON-COLLUSION AFFIDAVIT

To the Town of Ellington:

| RE: | RESURFACING OF TENNIS & BASKETBALL COURTS | | | |
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| To the Town of | Ellington: | | | |
| DATED: | , 2021. | | | |
| _ | ed bidder, having fully informed himself/herself/itself regarding the accuracy of made herein, certifies that: | | | |
| (a) | The bid is genuine; it is not a collusive or sham bid; | | | |
| (b) | The bidder developed the bid independently and submitted it without collusion with, and without any agreement, understanding, communication or planned common course of action with any other person or entity designed to limit independent competition; | | | |
| (c) | The bidder, its employee and agents have not communicated the contents of the bid to any person not an employee or agent of the bidder, and will not communicate the bid to any such person prior to the official opening of the bid; and | | | |
| (d) | No elected or appointed official or other officer or employee of the Town of Ellington is directly or indirectly interested in the bidder's bid, or in the supplies, materials, equipment, work or labor to which it relates, or in any of the profits thereof. | | | |
| _ | ed proposer further certifies that this affidavit is executed for the purpose of own of Ellington to consider its bid and make an award in accordance therewith. | | | |
| DATED | :, 2021. | | | |
| | BIDDER: | | | |
| | By | | | |
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LEGAL STATUS DISCLOSURE

To the Town of Ellington:

RE: RESURFACING OF TENNIS & BASKETBALL COURTS

To the Town of Ellington:

The undersigned bidder, having fully informed himself/herself/itself regarding the accuracy of the statements made herein, certifies that:

| IF A SOLELY OWNED BUSINESS: | | | | | | |
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| Bidder's Full Legal Name: | | | | | | |
| Street Address: | | | | | | |
| Mailing Address (if different): | | | | | | |
| Number of years engaged in business under sole proprietor: | | | | | | |
| IF A CORPORATION: | | | | | | |
| Bidder's Corporate Name: | | | | | | |
| Street Address: | | | | | | |
| Mailing Address (if different): | | | | | | |
| Number of years engaged in business: | | | | | | |
| Name of current officers: | | | | | | |
| Secretary | | | | | | |
| President | | | | | | |

IF A LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY:

| Bidder's Company Name: |
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| Street Address: |
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| Mailing Address (if different): |
| Number of years angaged in business |
| Number of years engaged in business: |
| Name and address of current managers/members: |
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| IF A PARTNERSHIP: |
| Bidder's Partnership Name: |
| Street Address: |
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| Mailing Address (if different): |
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| Number of years engaged in business: |
| Name and address of current partners: |
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| DATED: | | , 2021. | | |
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| of | , 2021. | | | |
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The undersigned bidder further certifies that this disclosure is executed for the purpose of inducing the Town of Ellington to consider its bid and make an award in accordance therewith.

BID BOND

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| name | and address or legal title of Contractor) | | | |
| Ellingt 00/10 Bidder | r and Principal, is held and is firmly bou on, CT 06029 as Obligee, hereinafter cal 0 (\$5,000.00) Dollars, for the payment of r-Principal, binds himself, his heirs, exempts by these presents. | led the Town, in the sum of FIVE of which sum well and truly to b | E THOUSA e made, t | ND and the said |
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| bid, ar sufficion labor Princip differe larger Work | NOW, THEREFORE, if the Town shall re-Principal shall enter into a Contract with a give such bond or bonds as may be spent surety for the faithful performance of and material furnished in the prosecutional to enter such Contract and give such ence not to exceed the penalty hereof be amount for which the Town may in good covered by said bid, then this obligation and effect. | h the Town in accordance with the contract Document of such Contract and for the property on thereof, or in the event of the bonds, if the Principal shall pay etween the amount specified in the contract with another particular. | the terms ats with go ompt payr the failure to the To said bid atty to perform the to perform to the perform the toperform to perform the toperform to perform the toperform to perform the toperform to perform the toperform the t | of such pood and ment of the of the own the nd such orm the |
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| Signed | and sealed this day of | , 2021. | | |
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| | | (Print Name and Title | e) | |
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| | NAME OF SURETY COMPANY | | | |

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TYPE NAME and AUTHORITY

NOTE: The Bid Bond must have surety. The Town will accept a bank check or certified check payable to the Town of Ellington in the amount of the bond or execution of the Bid Bond by a surety company. If a surety Company executes this Bond as surety, then Paragraph 4 should be eliminated which may be done by line out or copying the bond without that paragraph.

INSURANCE REQUIREMENTS FOR ALL CONTRACTORS

Workers Compensation Insurance:

1. Per Connecticut Statute

Commercial General Liability Insurance (1993 Form or equivalent)

- 1. \$1,000,000 per occurrence and/or aggregate
- 2. Include personal injury, bodily injury, property damage, product/completed operations, contractual liability
- 3. Delete all explosion, collapse and underground exclusions, if applicable
- 4. Per contract/project aggregate desirable

Motor Vehicle Liability Insurance:

- 1. \$1,000,000 per occurrence for bodily injury and property damage
- 2. Includes owned, non-owned and/or aggregate

Professional Liability Insurance (if applicable)

1. \$1,000,000 per claim and/or aggregate

Umbrella/Excess Liability

1. \$1,000,000 per occurrence and/or aggregate

Note! All General Contractors are responsible for assuring that all of its sub-contractors have similar coverage and limits. The Town will rely upon the General Contractor to obtain these assurances as it cannot do so.

General Requirements:

- 1. Insurer must have an A. M. Best rating of at least A-/VII and be licensed to do business in Connecticut
- All policies must have a 30 day advance written notice requirement with any such notice to be sent to Tiffany Pignataro, Ellington Finance Officer, P.O. Box 187, Ellington, CT 06029
- 3. Certificates of Insurance must be presented at or before signing of any contract
- 4. The Town of Ellington and such other town agency as may be appropriate shall be named as an additional insured on each policy

TOWN OF ELLINGTON

CONTRACT

RESURFACING OF TENNIS & BASKETBALL COURTS

(Project Name)

BY AND BETWEEN

THE TOWN OF ELLINGTON

AND

TOWN OF ELLINGTON CONTRACT RESURFACING OF TENNIS & BASKETBALL COURTS

day of

, 2021, between the Town of Ellington,

AGREEMENT made as of the

Non-collusion Affidavit of Contractor; and

Contractor's Legal Status Disclosure

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| - | • | Spielman First Selectman, 55 Main Street, P.O. Box 187, Ellington, ereinafter referred to as "the Town" and in supplemental documents as |
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| "the Owner", | and | with a principal office located |
| | | hereinafter referred to as "the Contractor". |
| The Pro | oject Co | ordinator is: |
| | | TIMOTHY WEBB, DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS |
| The ⁻ | Town ar | nd the Contractor agree as follows: |
| | | ARTICLE 1: CONTRACT DOCUMENTS |
| Contract as if integrated ag representation | uments attache reement s or ag | ontract Documents consist of all of the documents listed in Paragraph 1.2. form the Contract between the parties and are as fully a part of the d to this Contract or repeated herein. The Contract is the entire and t between the parties hereto and supersedes prior negotiations, greements, either written or oral. An enumeration of the Contract modifications subsequent to this Contract, are listed in Section 1.2. |
| 1.2 execution of th | | ontract Documents, except for modifications which may be issued after act, are: |
| | (a) | This Contract as executed by the parties; |
| | (b) | The specifications for the work; |
| Instructions to Project bid; | (c) Bidders | The Town of Ellington Invitation to Bid, Bidding Requirements, and including any addenda or additions issued prior to the awarding of the |
| with said bid; | (d) | The Contractor's Bid Form and all documents attached to or included |
| | | Contractor's Qualification Statement; |

- (e) Insurance Requirements for all Contractors;
- (f) Company Resolution;
- (g) Performance bond in the full amount of the Contract Sum.
- (h) (g) Payment bond in the full amount of the Contract Sum.

ARTICLE 2: CONTRACT WORK

The Contractor shall perform the work as defined in the "Specifications" to provide all labor and material as needed to reconstruct the existing tennis & basketball courts located in Ellington Connecticut as described in the Contract Documents, hereinafter referred to as "the Work".

ARTICLE 3: DATES OF COMMENCEMENT & TERM

The Contractor shall begin work within two weeks of the signing of the Contact, weather permitting, and complete the project within four (4) weeks.

ARTICLE 4: CONTRACT SUM

The Town shall pay the Contractor for the Contractor's performance of the contract at the rates set forth on Contractor's bid form made a part of this Contract.

ARTICLE 5: PAYMENT

Payment of the Contract shall be as follows:

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- 5.1 Partial Payments. The Contractor may submit statements with a description of the work performed during the prior month based upon the unit value of the work actually performed and material actually delivered to the site as stated by the Contractor, confirmed by the Project Coordinator who will determine whether the statement is accurate based upon his investigation. The Town will pay 95% of the value of the work completed as determined by the Project Coordinator within Fifteen (15) days following his determination.
- 5.2 Final Payment. A final payment equal to the balance of the Contract Sum shall be paid within thirty (30) days after final completion and approval of the installation by the Project Coordinator. Payment of the Contract Sum shall not be

deemed a waiver or release of the Contractor's responsibility to correct nonconforming work in the Contract Documents nor to satisfy any other requirements which may survive final payment.

ARTICLE 6: DEFAULT AND REMEDY

- 6.1 Termination. If, at any time during the term of this Contract, the Contractor, in the sole discretion of the Town: (a) has failed to perform the Work in a competent and satisfactory manner; (b) has become insolvent; (c) makes an assignment for the benefit of creditors; (d) files a voluntary petition in bankruptcy; (e) is subject to an involuntary petition in bankruptcy that is not discharged within thirty (30) days; (f) abandons the Work; (g) subcontracts, assigns, transfers, conveys or otherwise disposes of its obligations under the Contract expect as specifically approved by the Town; or (h) fails to comply with any other term or condition contained in the Contract, the Town shall have the right to terminate the Contract upon ten (10) days written notice to the Contractor.
- 6.12 Remedies. In the event of a termination of this Contract by the Town pursuant to Section 6.1 above, the Contractor shall be required to return all sums paid by the Town for the Contract Work that has not been completed at the time of breach and the Town shall be relieved of any further payments hereunder. The Contractor acknowledges that any such breach will cause irreparable damage to the Town, the exact amount of which will be difficult or impossible to ascertain, and that remedies of law for any such breach will be inadequate. Accordingly, the Contractor shall pay the Town, as liquidated damages, the amount of any excess of the price of the new contract over the Contract Sum provided herein, plus any legal or other costs or expenses incurred by the Town in terminating this Contract and securing a new bid.

ARTICLE 7: ADDITIONAL PROVISIONS

- 7.1 Conflicts. In the event that any provision of any other Contract Document is so inconsistent with the terms of this Contract as to be mutually exclusive, then the terms of this Contract shall control.
- 7.2 Pre-Conditions. The Contractor acknowledges that it has examined, to its satisfaction, all conditions relating to the work to be performed and all drawings and specifications for the Project and has had ample opportunity to review and examine the existing site and has not relied upon any oral representation of any Town official or employee concerning site condition or job requirements.
- 7.3 Knowledge of Laws. The Contractor acknowledges that it is familiar with all federal and state laws and all local By-laws, Ordinances and Regulations which in any manner affect those engaged or employed on the Work, or the material and equipment used in the Work, or in any way affect the conduct or the Work, and no claim of misunderstanding or lack

of knowledge of the same will be considered a basis for terminating the Work or amending this Agreement.

- 7.4 Discrepancies. If, at any time, the Contractor shall determine that there are discrepancies, omissions, ambiguities or conflicts in or among the Contract Documents, or that any provision conflicts with any law, regulation or code, the Contractor shall immediately notify the Project Coordinator. If the Project Coordinator determines that clarification is necessary, such clarification shall be made in writing as an addendum to this Contract and shall be signed by the parties. No verbal instructions or interpretations shall be deemed valid.
- 7.5 Governing Law. This Contract and any other Contract Document shall be governed by and interpreted under the laws of the State of Connecticut. If any provision of this Contract or any other Contract Document is found to be invalid or unenforceable by any court, the same shall not affect the remainder of the Contract or other Contract Document, which shall remain in effect as if the invalid or unenforceable provision had not been included therein.
- 7.5.1 Dispute Resolution. The parties agree that any dispute under this Contract is to be resolved by binding arbitration under the rules of the American Arbitration Association before a single arbitrator with any hearing to be held in Tolland County, CT, unless otherwise mutually agreed, and each party is to pay its own expenses including attorney's fees and to share the cost of arbitration equally.
- 7.6 Captions. Captions used in this Contract are for convenience only and are not intended to be limitations on, nor interpretations of, the specific provisions hereof.
- 7.7 Non-Assignability. No assignment of the rights, obligations or interests by a party in this Contract will be binding on the other party without its written consent and no such assignment shall release or discharge the assignor from any duty, obligation or responsibility under this Contract or under any other Contract Document.
- 7.8 Contractor hereby agrees to defend, indemnify and hold harmless the Town, its agents, employees, officers and official from any and all claims, demands, liabilities, and lawsuits, including reasonable attorney's fees incurred thereby, resulting from or pertaining to any alleged violations by Contractor and any Subcontractors, if any, of any applicable federal, state laws, rules and regulations in effect and applicable to the Work, including without limitation any nondiscriminatory employment laws and the Immigration Reform and Control Act, or in connection with any claim of injury or damage caused by any of its agents or employees arising out of or in the course of their employment and work at or upon premises at which Work is being performed, which injury or damage is not caused by the negligent or willful act of a town agent, servant or employee. The Contractor's obligations under this section shall not be limited in any way by any limitation on the amount or type of the Contractor's insurance.
- 7.9 Warranty. Contractor warrants all of its work to conform to generally accepted industry standards for the type of work performed. In addition, Contractor warrants that the playing surface will remain smooth without cracks, heaves, depressions for a period of two (2) years from completion of construction and acceptance by the Project Coordinator.

- 7.10 Insurance. The Contractor will at all times maintain insurance policies in force in accordance with the requirements of the "Insurance Requirements For All Contractor's" listed in paragraph 1.2(e) and provide the Finance Officer a certificate of such insurance naming the Town of Ellington as an additional insured.
- 7.11 Non-Discrimination. Contractor agrees and warrants that in the performance of the Contract such Contractor will not discriminate or permit discrimination against any person or group of persons on the grounds of race, color, religious creed, age, marital status, national origin, ancestry, sex, gender identity or expression, mental retardation, mental disability, or physical disability, including, but not limited to, blindness, unless it is shown by such Contractor that such disability prevents performance of the work involved, in any manner prohibited by the laws of the United States or of the State of Connecticut. The Contractor further agrees to take affirmative action to insure that applicants with job related qualifications are employed and that employees are treated, when employed, without regard to their race, color, religious creed, age, marital status, national origin, ancestry, sex, gender identity or expression, mental retardation, mental disability, or physical disability, including, but not limited to, blindness, unless it is shown by such Contractor that such disability prevents performance of the work involved. The Contractor agrees, in all solicitations or advertisements for employees placed by or on behalf of the Contractor, to state that it is an "affirmative action-equal opportunity employer".

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties have executed this Agreement on the date stated above.

| TOWN OF ELLINGTON | CONTRACTOR: |
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| Lori Spielman | |
| It's First Selectman | Its Duly Authorized |